

By: Representative Walker

To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC  
2 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATURE A  
3 PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
4 RETIREMENT TO CONTINUE WORKING AND DRAWING A SALARY IN PUBLIC  
5 EMPLOYMENT WHILE THEIR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS PAID INTO AN  
6 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Before August 31, 1999, the Board of Trustees of  
9 the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi shall  
10 recommend to the Legislature a program that allows members of the  
11 system who are eligible to receive a retirement allowance, in lieu  
12 of terminating employment and accepting a retirement allowance, to  
13 continue working and earning their regular salary in public  
14 employment while an amount equal to the monthly retirement  
15 allowance to which the members are entitled is paid into a  
16 member's individual account. The program shall be modeled after  
17 the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (La. Rev. Stat. Ann.  
18 Section 11:447 et seq., as amended) administered by the Louisiana  
19 State Employees' Retirement System; however, the board shall  
20 recommend revisions to the Louisiana Deferred Retirement Option  
21 Plan which are necessary for the adaptation of the program to the  
22 Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and which  
23 guarantee no negative effect on the system's fiscal integrity or  
24 on the status of the system under the Internal Revenue Code. The  
25 recommendations of the board shall be submitted to the Legislature  
26 in a written report, which shall include a detailed description of  
27 the recommended program, a proposal for legislation necessary for  
28 the implementation of the program and any other information deemed  
29 relevant by the board relating to such program.

30           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after its passage.